

Grange Meeting.

George B. Horton, former state grange master, will give an address on "Co-operation," at the meeting of Owosso Grange Tuesday, Feb. 15, in its hall here. Members of Perry Grange will put on a play entitled, "A Barlesque Grange." The program will begin at 12:30.

Boy Burglar to Industrial School.

Milford Able, the boy burglar of Perry, was taken to the Industrial school at Lansing, Monday, where he will remain until he is eighteen years of age. The boy was really a ward of the Livingston county court but the authorities there refused to do anything about the criminal charge and waived jurisdiction.

Deuell-Bates.

Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock the marriage of Miss Blanche L. Deuell and Clyde D. Bates, both of Elsie, took place at the Episcopal rectory. Rev. W. H. Jordan officiated. The young couple were attended by the groom's brother and wife, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Bates of Ovid. The bride is a school teacher of Elsie and will continue her work until the close of the school year. She has visited here often and is well known. Friends extend congratulations.

Primaries March 13.

The city commission has designated Monday, March 13, as the date for the city primary to nominate a candidate for Commissioner of Public Utilities to succeed John Rosevear, and for constable to succeed Frank Forrester. The candidates for supervisors will be nominated at party caucuses or primaries to be called later. The city primary would under the charter have been held at a later date, but in order to comply with the state law must be held twenty days before the election instead of two weeks prior.

Linsbury-Moore.

The wedding of Miss Harriett Linsbury and Orbin L. Moore both of Owosso, was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hearn, north of Oakley, Sunday, Rev. E. J. Cross officiating in the presence of immediate relatives. A wedding luncheon was served after which the couple left on a short wedding trip, and after Feb. 13 will be at home at 522 Harrison avenue in this city. The bride has been a teacher and was recently employed in the Union Telephone office. The groom is employed by the Donovan Jitney Service.

Sues for \$10,000 Damages.

Corunna, February 10.—Mrs. Rhoda Pearsall, a widow, aged sixty years, of New Lothrop, has begun suit in the circuit court for \$10,000 against W. L. Colby, also of New Lothrop. Colby carries mail, and runs a bus and dray line between Swartz Creek and New Lothrop. Mrs. Pearsall was a passenger in his car some time ago, and she alleges that he had it so full of freight that she was compelled to sit on a board placed across the seat. When the machine swung around a corner, she was thrown out, she asserts, sustaining serious injuries to her hip.

Teachers Club Banquet.

The Teachers' Club of the Owosso schools enjoyed and profited by a patriotic banquet held at the Central school Tuesday evening, about eighty being present. A three course luncheon was served by domestic science pupils who prepared it. Superintendent M. W. Longman presided as toastmaster and talks were made by Fred Welch of the school board, Amy Regna, Edith Boyce and Principal O. H. Voelker. Miss Helen Gibson rendered a piano solo and Miss Susan J. Walsh sang, the program being closed with songs by the entire gathering.

UNION TELEPHONE CO. STOCK

Sells Readily at a Premium—Demand Heavy Recently and Sale May be Discontinued.

Recognizing the fact that the Union Telephone Co. is very conservatively managed and that it has paid a regular quarterly dividend of two per cent for a number of years past, it is not to be wondered at that investors are willing to pay a premium of one dollar per share of a par value of ten dollars for at that price the stock nets an annual income of seven and a half per cent free from all taxation. The Company gave notice to its stockholders recently that some additional stock would be offered for sale and the demand has been such that it is possible that the notice will be withdrawn within a short time. This certainly shows confidence in the future of the Company.

BY SUPREME COURT

Question as to Petitions for Local Option Election in Shiawassee County Will Soon be Finally Settled.

The supreme court will hear and decide the questions involved in the refusal of the Shiawassee county board of supervisors to submit the local option matter to the voters in April, 1916. The questions to be put to the court are whether the petitions in New Haven township and Owosso fifth ward were in proper form and properly posted. The argument by those opposing an election will cover the multiple petitions and the manner of posting, particularly the latter. They claim the petitions were not in shape so that an elector could satisfy himself as to the signatures and the location of the posting is indefinite, and as to whether each of the affidavits of posting referred to the same petition.

The writ served on County Clerk Nichols is returnable Feb. 17.

School Officers Meeting

Corunna, Mich., Feb. 10, 1916.
To School Officers of Shiawassee County:

In compliance with Act No. 112 of the 1909 Session Laws, a meeting of the school officers of Shiawassee County will be held at the Court House, Corunna, Wednesday, February 16, said meeting to be called to order at 10:00 a. m.

"The director or secretary of each school board or board of education shall attend such meeting, and the other members of each board of education may attend. One member of the school board or board of education who attends such meeting shall be allowed and paid two dollars per day and actual traveling expenses going to and returning from said meeting, said sum to be paid from the general fund in the treasury of the school district. The county commissioner of schools shall issue to each member in attendance a certificate of attendance which shall be filed with the director or secretary of the board, and when filed shall serve as a basis of evidence for drawing the order for compensation and expenses of one member of the board."

Come prepared to ask questions about matters that are troubling you. If possible, see that your district is represented. The public is invited to be present. Yours for school work,
HOWARD SLOCUM.

Probate Court.

Corunna, February 10.—A petition has been filed in the probate court by Mrs. Jennie Hart, widow of William H. Hart, deceased of Bancroft, asking that the estate be probated. It amounts to \$10,000 in realty. Mrs. Hart asks to be named administratrix. There are two heirs, Hazel aged thirteen and Hilla Hart, aged eleven.

A petition has been filed asking for the appointment of Chas. E. Godfrey as administrator of the estate of Margaret Greenman deceased of Bancroft. Mrs. Greenman left a will but named no executor. The estate amounts to \$2,500, of which \$25 is given to her sister, Jane Howe of Saskatchewan and the rest to Susan Hunter, another sister of Bancroft.

M. J. Purcell of Saginaw, who was Congressman Fordney's Democratic opponent in the 1912 election, is one of the candidates for the appointment of U. S. district attorney for eastern Michigan. His chances are reported as bright.

Dr. A. M. Hume spent the first of the week in Chicago attending several meetings of councillors of the American Medical Association. He reports very profitable discussions in which a number of prominent physicians and several government officials had a part.

The banks of the city will be closed Saturday—Lincoln's birthday. Representatives of the banks will go to Durand to attend a gathering of group seven of the Michigan Bankers' Association, which includes the banks in Shiawassee, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston and Genesee counties.

Receipt is acknowledged of California papers from A. M. Bentley giving accounts of the great storms and the immense damage done by water recently about Los Angeles and San Diego. Many of the beautiful drives in the southern part of the state were practically ruined and these cities have been almost cut off from the outside world.

C. O. Loring's dog picked up some poisoned meat on Monday while making the round of Mr. Loring's mail route and died from the effects within five minutes. It is thought that the poison was put out to rid the neighborhood of cats—a practice which cannot be too strongly condemned as it is never known what the results may be.

WILL SHARE PROFITS

Owosso Casket Co. and Woodard Furniture Co. Make Partners of Employees.

As a reward for faithful and conscientious service and as an incentive for increased efficiency, the Woodard Furniture Co. and the Owosso Casket Co. have notified their employees of the adoption of a profit-sharing plan whereby the employees will receive each year an amount equal to between five and ten per cent of their wages.

The plan, announced Saturday, went into effect on January 1, and the first payment will be made in November, 1916, covering the period from January 1 to July 1. Thereafter the year will date from July 1 to July 1, but the payment will still be made in November.

The adoption of the plan was announced in a small pamphlet given to each man Saturday night. In part the company said:

For months we have been studying a plan whereby employees, both men and women, may participate in the profits of our business. We have finally completed one which we believe is very good and have decided to give it a trial and if successful it will be continued indefinitely, or until further notice. We feel that it is possible for us to do a great deal more for each other. We believe that when a person puts his best efforts into his work that he should share in the profits of the institution in which he serves.

We want to encourage you to help us manage and profitably operate this business.

There are great opportunities in our factories for men to study efficiency and thereby improve the methods.

Following is the profit sharing plan: After deducting from the net earnings of the two factories a reasonable amount to be decided by the directors for the use of the property and after deducting from the net earnings any amounts deemed advisable by the directors to provide for the payment of debts, improvements, enlargements, and any other unforeseen purposes, the directors may declare the balance remaining of the net earnings to be available for special profit sharing cash dividends. These dividends when so declared by the directors shall be divided, one-half to the employees and one half to stockholders of the company.

Estimating from the past two or three years of our business, the amount payable to employees should be from five to ten per cent of the pay roll. The purpose of this plan is to make it even larger and we will be disappointed if it does not succeed.

To participate in the profits a person must be in the employ of either company during the full period of time covered by the statement, and at the time the dividend is declared. Any person laid off because of the inability of the company to give him work will share in proportion to the time he has worked.

Shiawassee County Bar Association.

Nineteen of the members of the Shiawassee County Bar met at the home of Attorney and Mrs. Seth Q. Pulver, East Exchange street, Tuesday evening, and partook of an elaborate five course dinner, which was served by Mrs. Pulver, assisted by Mrs. Geo. E. Pardee.

After doing justice to the fine dinner, and while enjoying the good cigars furnished by the host, steps were taken to perfect an organization to be known as the Shiawassee County Bar Association. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and signed by all those present. Those attorneys who were kept from attending by bad roads, absence from the city and so on, are expected to become members at once. H. H. Pulver, of Laingsburg, had the most years of practice to his credit of any attorney present, having been admitted to practice in 1869.

Officers for the year were chosen as follows:
President—Austin E. Richards, of Corunna.
Vice President—Fred J. Northway of Durand.
Secretary—Ellis F. Wilson of Owosso.
Treasurer—Neil R. Walsh of Owosso.

Before leaving a rising vote of thanks was given the host and hostess for the delightful evening provided.

Architect E. A. Bowd inspected the work on the armory Monday and gave the contractors permission to begin work on the inside finish. A week or ten days will be required to obtain the material when a force of carpenters will be put to work. Prospects are that the building will be completed about April 1st.

BIG WILD LIFE SHOW

Saginaw, Feb. 23 to 26

What is being exploited as the greatest educational display of animals and birds ever shown in America, west of New York, is now being placed on the floors of the big auditorium building, Saginaw, for the wild life show which will be presented to the people of the State of Michigan, Feb. 22-24-25-26. Besides the live and mounted animal life, which is set under the auspices of the Saginaw County Wild Life Conservation Association, assisted by the Michigan Fish Commission and the State Game, Fish and Forest Fire department of the Public Domain Commission, a coterie of the world's most famous lecturers will present in motion pictures the animal life of four continents.

For the banquet hall, "more game" meetings, to be held in the afternoons, Feb. 24-25, State Game Commissioner William R. Oates has secured acceptance from many of the best game propagating authorities in America.

E. A. McIlheney, who was instrumental in having Mrs. Russel Sage provide money for establishing the Marsh Island refuge, Louisiana; Commissioner John Phillips and Secretary Kalbfus, Pa.; Harry Rogers, foremost game breeding authority; Mr. Vernon Bailey, Chief Field Naturalist of the Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., and many of the game commissioners of other states will appear in the discussion. This review of game propagating possibilities will assume the importance of a national question.

Interesting in the floor exhibits will be that of the Michigan Fish Commission. The Commission is arranging to bring the whole paraphernalia of a hatchery to the show, so that the process of hatching may be presented to public. Development of many species of fish from fry to maturity will be shown. Aquaria tanks will display the fish alive in their various stages of growth.

All the indigenous animal life of Michigan will be displayed, alive or mounted, and a feature of the afternoon programs to be given in the big assembly hall which seats 4,500 persons will be scenic production of American Game Birds, painted by the world's greatest bird artist, Louis Agassiz Fuertes. This feature will be presented by James McGillivray, Educational Bureau, of the Game, Fish and Forest Fire department.

Under the direction of Augustus C. Carton, Secretary Public Domain Commission, a forestry exhibit will be set by Marcus Schauf, State Forester, in which growth will be illustrated from the seed and seedling to the merchantable tree.

Specimens of deer, elk and other animals and the bird life of the Michigan game refuges will be brought to the floors of the show. Never, perhaps, in the history of America has so many of the foremost speakers on subjects of Natural history been placed on one program, as on that which covers the evenings of Feb. 23-24-25.

Norman McClintock, with his new and remarkable moving pictures of the bird life of the Gulf coast; Carl Akeley, National museum of Natural history, with elephant hunting and other African subjects; Prof. Wilfred H. Osgood of the Field museum, with moving pictures of the fur seal rookeries and other speakers of international note are scheduled by W. B. Mershon, President Michigan Wild Life Conservation Association.

Special trains are being chartered by sportsmen and it is expected that upwards of 50,000 persons will see the show. Admission is free day and night.

Accepts Call to Calumet

Rev. C. H. Hanks has accepted the call extended him from the First Congregational church of Calumet, Mich., and will begin his labors there within a few days. Shortly after his resignation as pastor of the Owosso church Rev. Hanks was invited to occupy the pulpit previously a number of years ago and had at that time declined a call to the pastorate. The two Congregational churches in Calumet have united and will make a strong church and with Rev. Hanks as pastor should be a great force for good in the community. The best wishes of many warm friends will follow Mr. Hanks to his new field.

Mrs. Hanks and sons will remain in Owosso until the close of the school year to give Carlos Hanks an opportunity to complete his work in the high school.

THE WOOLWORTH

STOCK BURNED.

Fire Early Sunday Morning Makes Junk of Big Stock of Five and Ten Cent Store.

Much of Damage Was by Water—Building Scorched, But Fire is Confined to Single Floor

A fire of unknown origin, possibly from electric wires, started early Sunday morning in the Woolworth five and ten cent store at 119 North Washington street, and ruined the greater portion of the stock with a loss of from \$4,500 to \$5,000 and damaging the buildings belonging to E. F. Joslin on Washington street and J. H. Friesseke on Exchange street to the extent of \$500.

The alarm was given by Mrs. Bridget Freeman, night operator at the Bell telephone office located over the Allison jewelry store in the next building south, who smelled smoke, and finally saw it coming through the floor, but by the time the department arrived the stock was in flames and the front windows had broken allowing the flames to shoot out across the sidewalk. The department played two streams of water on the fire for an hour, soaking everything, including goods stored in the basement which were not opened, except the portion of the stock kept in the Exchange street front, which was not badly damaged either by fire or water. The fire evidently started near the front of the store and burned rapidly.

The adjoining buildings were not damaged nor the Masonic lodge room on the third floor, but goods of the Woolworth Co. on the second floor were damaged by smoke.

The Woolworth company which conducts several hundred stores in the country, carries its own insurance as the cost with companies is so heavy on the kind of goods carried. The premiums paid in 1914 it is said were one hundred thousand dollars and the losses practically nothing.

The damaged stock was dumped into the street Monday, and hundreds of people old and young, carried away articles more or less valuable. The work of refurbishing the store was immediately started and the company will open for business in a few days.

Extension of Time on Ann Arbor Shop Contract.

The committee on the Ann Arbor car shop proposition reported to the Improvement Association at the luncheon Tuesday that as a result of a conference with Vice President Towles it was decided to recommend that the request of the Ann Arbor for an extension of the present contract be given for a term of two years from the date of the time mentioned in the same. Mr. Towles stated that the new shops were much needed and it had been hoped that previous to this time work on the same would be well along but that financial conditions had not permitted the road to begin work on the shops proper, that \$13,000 had already been expended on the site and the balance called for by the contract would be provided at the earliest date possible. He also reported that the pay roll of the company at Owosso for the past three months amounted to \$126,000. The Association granted the extension and a new contract a little more favorable than the old one will be entered into.

UNION TELEPHONE CO.

Willing to Remove Poles on Certain Streets—Commission Favorable to Plan.

The Union Telephone Co. is the first of the companies having pole and wire lines in the business portion of the city to signify its willingness to remove the same in accordance with the request of the City Commission. While there is some difference between the suggestion of the Commission and the plan outlined by the Telephone Co. it is so slight that it is practically certain that the Commission will accept the terms of the Company. The position of the Company is outlined in a letter which is printed in the proceedings of the Commission on page seven of this issue.

It might also be added that the action of the Union Telephone Co. was decided upon in October last the day following the passage of the resolution of the City Commission and that but for a day's delay in holding its meeting the Telephone Co. would have acted first. As it is the Company acted without knowing that the Commission had done so.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rayen and children are in Almont for a few days visit with her parents.

Shiawassee County Farmers' Institute.

The Shiawassee County Farmers' Institute will be held in Owosso Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, 1916, at the Congregational church. Leo C. Reynolds of Owosso, is president of the County Farmers' Institute Society, and Clayton T. Cook of Owosso, secretary. Newton Burns of St. Louis, will be conductor.

The program is as follows:

FRIDAY FORENOON, FEB. 18.

9:45 Opening remarks by Leo C. Reynolds, president Shiawassee County Farmers' Institute.

10:30 Maintaining and Increasing Soil Fertility—L. W. Oviatt, of Bay City.

10:30 Discussion—Wm. Morris Jr. Morris; Fred Love, Owosso.

11:00 Practical Land Drainage—Newton Burns, St. Louis.

11:30 Discussion—Mark Byington, Venice; Chas. VanCampen, Corunna.

AFTERNOON.

1:00 Question box in charge of L. W. Oviatt.

Music by Miss Dona Richardson.

1:30 Making and Feeding Ensilage—Newton Burns.

2:00 Discussion—George Winegar, Morris; E. P. Sherman, Owosso.

2:30 Alfalfa and other Legumes as Forage Crops—L. W. Oviatt.

3:00 Discussion—Henry Moore, Corunna; Clinton Middleton, Owosso.

3:30 Feeding and Care of Poultry for Egg Production—Prof. C. H. Burgess, East Lansing.

4:00 Discussion—Fred Crowe of Owosso; Chas. Greenwalt, Owosso.

EVENING.

7:15 Music.

7:30 The Best Crop on the Farm—Newton Burns.

Music.

8:30 Points on Poultry Husbandry (illustrated) Prof. C. H. Burgess.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19.

FORENOON.

9:55 Symposium. Getting the Most from the Best Crop—Newton Burns.

10:15 Discussion: Beans—A. B. Cook Owosso; wheat—Allen Driscoll, Durand and W. F. Grout, Morris; potatoes, Frank Clark, Vernon.

10:45 Growing and Handling the corn crop—L. W. Oviatt.

11:15 Discussion—P. W. Mattoon, Durand; John Carruthers, Bancroft.

11:45 Business meeting of the County Institute Society, reports, election of officers, etc.

AFTERNOON.

William Cook, president County Farmers' Club, Association chairman.

1:00 Question box in charge of Newton Burns.

Music.

1:30 Power on the Farm. Prof. H. H. Musselman, East Lansing.

2:00 Discussion—Clayton Thomas, Owosso.

2:30 Breeding and Care of Farm Horses, Newton Burns.

3:00 Discussion—Elmer Hubbard, Ovid; Robert Peters, Carland.

3:30 Hogs as Mortgage Lifters, L. W. Oviatt.

4:00 Discussion—Amos Parmenter, Vernon; James McBride, Birtom.

WOMEN'S CONGRESS.

The Women's Congress will be held at the Congregational church, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1916. Miss Stella Potter, Bancroft, is chairman. Mrs. C. L. Barber of Lansing, will be conductor. The program:

1:00 Opening remarks by Miss Stella Potter, chairman.

Music.

1:30 Home Nursing, Mrs. C. L. Barber, Lansing.

2:15 Discussion.

2:45 Saving Steps and Strength in the Household, Mrs. E. W. Bilbimer.

3:15 Discussion—Mrs. G. M. Getman.

Election of officers.

Music and adjournment.

Farmers' Week, Agricultural College, Feb. 23-March 4, 1916.

The Shiawassee County Farmers' Club Association will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the County Institute society.

L. L. Conn was in Farwell on business, Tuesday.

The United Commercial Travelers of Owosso meet Saturday and expect some of the state officers to be present at the gathering.

The Brotherhood class of the Congregational Sunday school is in charge of the arrangements for a supper to be served by the men of the church on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, in the dining rooms. After the supper a program of interest, including an address by an out of the city speaker, music, etc., will be given in the auditorium. Buy a ticket for the occasion and do not fail to be present.